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## REMARKS

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1. Prior to 5 May 1951, Volkspolizei Dienststelle (VPD) I in Leipzig was located in the barracks installation at 13 Olbrichtstrasse Leipzig N-22. It was organized into 4 Kommandos with a total of 1,200 police and 7 Sonderabteilungen with a total of 700 police. The personnel of the Kommandos were quartered separately from those of the Sonderabteilungen. \*
2. The key officers of the VPD were VP Inspekteur Richard Staimer, commanding officer, son-in-law of Wilhelm Pieck; VP Oberst Gailing, (fmr), PK officer; and VP Kommandeur Arnold, (fmr), chief of staff.
3. The VPD was equipped with enough German infantry arms for the entire unit, and with Soviet weapons for training purposes.
4. After individual training was completed, an intermediate examination was given on 20 March 1951, and the VPD then started training at Gruppe and Zug level in accordance with Soviet manuals. The Sonderabteilungen had only a few weapons available for training. The training tanks, were driven from and to Soviet-occupied barracks installations by police wearing Soviet uniforms. \*\*

\* Comment. The barracks installation quartering VPD I is also designated 25X1C Prinz Johann Georg Kaserne. Apparently also the Planitz Kaserne on Jonny Scheer Strasse quarters contingents of VPD I, whereas the Treitschke Kaserne, which is also located on Olbricht Strasse, quarters Soviet troops. VPD II is quartered in the Koenig Georg Kaserne on Georg Schumann Strasse.

\*\* [redacted] Portment. The only Soviet tank unit known in Leipzig is the 69th Gds Tank Bn of the 21st Gds Lecz Regt in Leipzig-Schoenan. It is believed that the tanks, with which the VPD personnel practiced, were stationed in the Treitschke Kaserne which quarters Soviet troops.

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